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Red Carpet Corridor

Drive through the Red Carpet Corridor May 1

The 14th annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival is right around the corner. The festival will take place Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as the Route 66 communities from Joliet to Towanda roll out the “Red Carpet” to welcome visitors to their communities.

Everyone is invited to take a ride on the Red Carpet on Historic Route 66 which celebrates its 95th anniversary.

In Dwight, the Texaco Welcome Center will be open for the tourism season. Visitors to the Texaco will participate in the No Contact commemorative giveaway. Download the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway app and check into each of the 12 participating locations with a specific code from that location. If you don’t have a smart phone you can submit all 12 codes by mail. Your commemorative 95th Anniversary postcard will be mailed to you.

In Dwight, the Route 66 Smokeout BBQ contest will be held in downtown Dwight and a “Backyard BBQ” event will be added on Friday. With the move downtown of the Route 66 Smokeout, local retailers will offer fun, games, corner markets and entertainment

throughout the weekend.

The Dwight Historical Society will be open in its newly-expanded and remodeled museum in the Historic Depot, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In addition to the downtown events, the annual Red Carpet Garage Sales will take place all weekend. A list of participants and their treasures for sale can be found in this edition of *The Paper*.

The Dwight FFA plant sale will have “opening day” at the school greenhouse, at the rear east side of the school, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m., Sunday. The Lady Trojans will have a softball doubleheader Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., and the DTHS tracksters will host a 4-school track meet Friday, April 30.

The Dwight VFW will conduct its Poppy Day campaign April 30 and May 1 to benefit veterans. The main collection area will be the corner of Route 17 and Route 47, beginning at 7 a.m.

It promises to be a weekend full of fun in Dwight during the first weekend of May. All state and local mask requirements and social distancing will be followed.

By Brandon LaChance

Stories can be told anywhere.

In the bleachers of a baseball diamond surrounded by cornfields, a father recaps the amazing diving catch his youngest son displayed right before the older brother hit a walk-off home run to win the team's previous contest.

There are banker's stories, construction stories, family reunion stories, Christmas stories, tragic stories, classic tales, new age outlooks, and the list could go on and on and on.

Then there are places where most of these stories can be told by just a few people.

Harvest View, a senior assisted and independent living facility in Herscher, has 37 residents who could tell you just about anything you want to know or work something up that you'd want to hear.

Dig a little deeper and you'll find five residents in Roscella Piper, Ed Murray, Gene Wood,

Genny Berger and Marjorie Kersch who have a century or almost a century of adventure and wisdom to share.

Pull up a seat and clear your schedule, Murray will open his memory bank to his upbringing in Garden City Village in Long Island, New York.

“I was an athlete in middle school but didn't play high school sports because my uncle had me go to a school 20-minutes away and I had to commute on the train,” said Murray, who turned 100 on Aug 15. “The train ride shut off my athletic opportunities, but I met some wonderful people on the train including Amelia Earhart. I got to meet her as a kid. She took us into her plane and treated us wonderfully.”

Murray also met Wiley Post, Will Roger's pilot, before Post and Rogers passed away in an aircraft accident in 1935. Within two miles from Murray's childhood home was Roosevelt Field, where Charles



HARVEST VIEW, a senior assisted and independent living facility in Herscher is home to, left to right, seated, Gene Wood, Roscella Piper and Genny Berger. Standing Marjorie Kersch and Ed Murray.

Lindbergh took off to complete the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The new centenarian snuck into the Garden City Country Club with their golf clubs around Hole No. 2 and played until Hole No. 17 with his friends so much the facility thought they were children belonging to members.

If you're a romantic, Murray has a love story also.

“When I proposed to my

wife (Francis Patricia Parish), I was still a student at University of Notre Dame,” said Murray. “I met her at the elevator of our hotel and we went up to mezzanine deck. I proposed to her. This was in 1942.

“She said, 'I think you should reconsider.' I said, 'Why should I reconsider? I spent all of this time making up my mind to propose.' She said, 'I want 10 boys.'”

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DTHS Plans for Outdoor Graduation Ceremony

April 21 BOE Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty
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The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on April 21.

Graduation ceremony plans are underway for this year's graduating Senior class. Graduation is set for Friday, May 21 at 7:00 pm. Currently, the plan is for the DTHS ceremony to take place outdoors at the athletic stadium, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move inside the DTHS gymnasium where tickets will then be required. Each graduate will receive five tickets that can be used for the indoor option.

In new business, with a focus on attracting and maintaining full time yellow bus drivers, a discussion around increasing the salary stipend or adding health insurance was discussed. Currently, a yellow bus driver is paid \$33 per route with no benefits. The board was supportive of some sort of additional compensation. The proposed additional compensation would only impact approximately 6 or 7 yellow bus drivers with CDLs who run full time a.m. / p.m. routes. Dr. Jancek will present options to the BOE at the May meeting.

A summer construction project was approved by the board. The project will result in the addition of two new office areas utilizing former conference room space. The project will be done in-house by building maintenance staff.

Findings from an ISBE food service compliance audit

were presented. The results were recorded as compliant with no adjustments or corrective actions required.

Dwight school districts are working with Arbor Management to provide free summer meals. All K – 12 students who request to receive meal service through the school are eligible. Beginning in June, the Monday/Wednesday pick up/drop off schedule will allow meals seven days per week with Mondays providing three days of food and meals for four days provided on Wednesdays.

Dr. Jancek reported that any concerns regarding changes to the negotiated RES Blue Sky Solar Project impact-

ing the tax abatement agreement have been resolved, and it was noted that Blue Sky has signed the contract agreement as originally agreed upon by all taxing bodies. It was also made clear that an impact study for the newly proposed Harvest Estate subdivision has been waived by the Dwight school districts. The proposed subdivision would be located to the west of town and within the Dwight school districts. Additionally, Dr. Jancek reported that a wind farm, Connect Gen, is being planned in the NE area of Dwight school district boundaries. The proposed wind farm is expected to place 20 – 30 turbines within the Dwight

school districts' limits with groundbreaking sometime in 2022.

Principal Andrew Pittenger reported that DTHS enrollment stands at 229 with 177 in-person learners with 52 remote learners. There are five alternative placement students.

The BOE also:

- affirmed employment of Abigail Groves, Substitute Teacher.
- affirmed employment of Bruce Statler, Substitute Bus Monitor.
- approved resignation of Chuck Trainor, Paid Varsity Head Softball Coach.
- approved volunteer Chuck

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ELEVEN DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL seniors were recently named **Illinois State Scholars for the Class of 2021**. Illinois State Scholars rank among the top 10% of students across the state of Illinois and selection is based on cumulative GPA throughout their high school career and SAT score. Students named from DTHS, pictured, front row, from left, are Emily Weissmann, Mary Hilt, Lauryn Hoegger, Kayla Kodat, Eileen Betsworth; back row, Isabella Burkhardt, Lucas Kisner, Eden Beier, Brandon Ceylor, and Jack Gallet. Not pictured: Dustin Hauert.

Experience and Explore the Red Carpet Corridor

See Pages 12-14 for more events!

National Day of Prayer

Program in Dwight Thursday, May 6

The Dwight Ministerial Alliance is hosting a program for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, with songs, scriptures and prayers.

It will begin at 12 noon at the Dwight Village Hall, 209 S. Prairie Ave.

They are asking as many as possible to come, lift up Dwight, Illinois * our State of Illinois * this United States of America * and our World – in Prayer to the Lord.

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued
April 15, 2021: Tonya M. Bultman, 40, Kankakee, driving 21-25 mph above limit.
April 16, 2021: Anton M. James III, 24, Bloomington, driving 21-25 mph above limit; driving during suspension.
April 19, 2021: Stephen D. Pontious, 27, Bradley, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

No Warnings Given

Police Blotter
April 16, 2021: A traffic stop was conducted on Route 17. Arrested for speeding and driving on a suspended license was Antwan James III of Bloomington. The vehicle was towed and impounded.
April 17, 2021: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. William. The homeowner advised some unknown person(s) had broken out the window of their parked camper.
April 18, 2021: A report was generated for stolen yard decorations from the 200 block of E. South St.; A report was generated for stolen plants and lawn decorations from the 300 block of E. Mazon Ave.
April 19, 2021: A report was generated for criminal damage and vandalism in the Amtrak Station on Columbia; Dwight Police executed a search warrant in the 100 block of E. Waupansie relating to numerous theft cases they were inves-

tigating. Charges are pending on Jessica Cole, 40, of Dwight.
April 20, 2021: Dwight Police were dispatched to the 200 block of West Delaware for a disturbance.



April 15: Bannon, medical, Morris; Wilmac, medical, Morris; Prairie, trauma, N/A.
April 16: Mazon, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris; John St., medical, no pt.; Mazon, medical, Morris; I-55, medical, Morris; Seminole, medical, Morris, mutual aid from Gardner; Scully, accident, refusal; Chicago, medical, refusal; Jefferson, medical, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner; Prospect, citizen assist.
April 17: Andrew, fire alarm; Prospect, citizen assist.
April 18: Mazon, medical; Mazon, medical, St. James; Rt. 47, trauma, Morris, mutual aid to Gardner.
April 19: Mazon, fire, no patient; North, trauma, St. James; I-55, trauma, Morris; I-55, medical, refusal.
April 20: Mazon, medical, Morris; Northbrook, medical, Morris; Mazon, medical, Morris.
April 21: Waupansie St., medical; Rt. 17 and 170, trauma, refusal, mutual aid to Allen Township; Northbrook Dr., assist; Mazon, medical, Morris.



April 15-21, 2021
Dry Week
in Dwight
Temps - 2021

Apr. 15 – high, 58°, low, 33°
Apr. 16 – high, 62°, low, 36°
Apr. 17 – high, 60°, low, 33°
Apr. 18 – high, 63°, low, 41°
Apr. 19 – high, 53°, low, 34° trace rain/snow
Apr. 20 – high, 38°, low, 29° .16" rain/snow
Apr. 21 – high, 49°, low, 28° trace precip.

Free Food to
Be Distributed
April 28

Free food will be distributed to qualifying households in Dwight Township Wednesday, April 28, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, Gothic Church, 201 N. Franklin St., Dwight.
The pantry is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. The November Food Pantry is held on the third Wednesday, while Love Boxes distribute food in December.



It's History...
2009

IT'S SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE to the Dwight teachers who have impacted our lives. When the school year comes to a close we will say farewell and thank you to, left to right, Linda Rosenbaum, Elaine Mortensen, Bill Skridulis and Barbara McKeever.

It was October 1947 . . . Do you remember?

A Halloween party was held at OAF, advertised as entertainment and free food, plus a costume parade. The business and professional men's committee has purchased 2100 wieners, a like number of buns, 2400 bottles of pop, and 2000 candy bars. Some of the games planned: tug of war, bicycle races, 3-legged race, football kick and throw, softball throw, and wheelbarrow races. Prizes for all participants. Will have a big bonfire.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl M.

Paulsen motored to Earlville to visit their daughter, Dorothy, who is in charge of the Earlville airport.
Mrs. Zola Hodgman, Worthy Matron of Dwight Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, entertained the officers at a 7 o'clock dinner, which was served by the Asbury Circle of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Walter Morris, north-west of Dwight.
A Bush Hatchery & Milling Co. Notice stated: Effective immediately Public Service

rates prevent us from using our grinding machinery after 4 p.m. Your cooperation in bringing your grinding before 4 will be appreciated.

A Public Sale of school property in Grundy County: School building and out buildings in former District 66 – Hibler School, 2 miles north and 1 mile west of Reddick; and school building, out buildings and site in former District 67 – Riecke School, 2 miles north and 3 miles west of Reddick.

Secretary of State Warns Residents to
Be Aware of Two Scams Targeting Illinoisans

Secretary of State Jesse White is warning Illinois residents to be on alert for a pair of scams seeking to defraud Illinoisans.

In the first scam, White is warning the public of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages, claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State. The text messages contain vague references to "Problems with your information" and another reference to "iL* Secretary of State." Each text also contains a link attributed to "uipendingcases.org."

White says the text is a scam and recipients should not click on the link or provide any information. Visiting the website could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State's office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message.
"Delete the text," said White. "Do not click on it and do not provide any of your personal information."

In the second scam, fraudulent websites are offering online vehicle registration renewals for license plate stickers and then charging residents an additional fee for the registration.

White warns Illinoisans that one particular website — IllinoisCarReg.com, is misleading customers with an unauthorized website promoting online



license plate sticker renewals. Once the customer provides personal information, the sham company charges the customer a fee of \$39.99, in addition to the sticker fee. This company, which has websites for multiple states, is misleading residents across the nation.

The Federal Trade Commission is investigating the company in an effort to shut it down over concerns of how the company may be using the personal data that it obtains from customers.

White strongly urges Illinois residents who wish to renew their license plate stickers to make sure they are visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com before proceeding to renew their stickers online. The process is simple and easy. Residents need their registration ID and PIN, which are located on the renewal notice and registration card — which most people keep in their vehicle's glove compartment. Vehicle owners may then visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "License Plates Renewal" under Online Services.

White underscored that Illinoisans should pay close attention to the websites they access

as many of them — including IllinoisCarReg.com — are not in fine print that they are note a government website.

"Before you conduct your business with the Secretary of State's office online, double-check you are on our official government website, cyberdrive illinois.com," said White.

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, which direct you to take immediate action or provide personally-identifiable information, such as your Social Security number or bank account number.

Ask to use other types of identifiers besides your Social Security number.

Individuals who feel they have been defrauded by this scheme are encouraged to contact their credit card company to dispute the extra fee charge. If you have questions about text message scams or identity theft, call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-386-5438 (Chicago), 800-243-0618 (Springfield) or 800-243-0607 (Carbondale).

"My office will continue working closely with the Illinois Attorney General's office, and the appropriate federal entities, to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes," said White.

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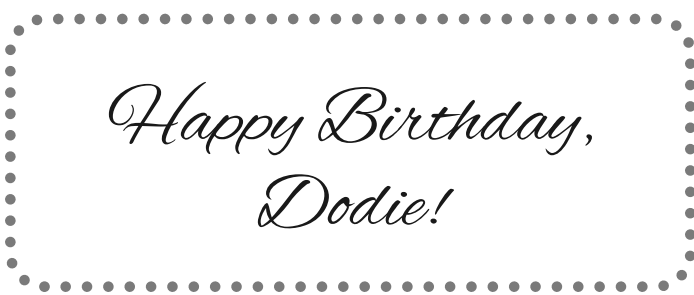
Braceville Elementary School
#75 BOE Member Vacancy

Braceville Elementary School #75 has two openings on the school board. These seats will be appointed and will be a two-year term, expiring in April 2023.

To qualify for school board membership, an individual must be a United States citizen,

a resident of Illinois and of the school district for at least one year preceding election, at least 18 years of age, and a registered voter.

If interested, contact Josh DeLong, Superintendent, at jdelong@gswhs73.org or 815-237-2176.



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Look At Your Financial Situation Holistically

What's the biggest financial mistake you can make? Choosing the wrong investments? Waiting too long to save for retirement? Underestimating the costs of retirement? All these are reasonable answers, but the biggest mistake you might make is not looking at your financial picture holistically – that is, not bringing into the picture all the elements of yourself.
Let's consider some of them:

- Your views on helping your family** – Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy – and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you'll need to decide if you're going to put away money for their college education, and, if so, how much, and in what investment vehicles. When they're young adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you're willing to provide for things such as the down payment on a new home. And when you're drawing up your estate plans, you'll need to consider how to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren or other family members.
- Your personal beliefs** – As someone with civic, ethical and moral concerns, you want to positively affect the world around you. And that's why you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you'll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate planning component, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.
- Your purpose in life when you retire** – When you retire, you may be stepping off a career path, but you're also entering a world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Do you want to give back more to the community by volunteering? Can you spend more time pursuing the hobbies you enjoy? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you'll need to accumulate for retirement and how much you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).
- Your health** – Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous – in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically – because, when putting together a lifetime's financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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Pets on Parade



 <p>Manx & Oren Jones Family</p>	 <p>Daisy Turner Family</p>	 <p>George Bailey & Winnie Cooper Missy Ferrari</p>	 <p>Hala Herlan Family</p>	 <p>Leo The Betsworth Girls</p>
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 <p>Tito Richie Family</p>	 <p>Tipsy & Buster Missy Ferrari</p>	 <p>Buddy Barbara De Waard</p>	 <p>Edward Laurie Cuddy</p>	
 <p>Grace Barbara De Waard</p>	 <p>Buttercup & Ruben Brian Kinkade</p>	 <p>Mylee & Marlee Michele Sparrow</p>	 <p>Lucy Mike and Laurie Turner</p>	 <p>Javy & Ross Boma Family</p>
	 <p>Princess Aurora Jones Family</p>	 <p>Zoey Jordan Partney</p>	 <p>Odin Marion Harris-Kennell</p>	

April is National Pet Month

Did you know that about 80 million homes in America have at least one pet? And of those households, over half have more than one pet.

Pets are only increasing in popularity as people continue to seek comfort and joy in their everyday lives.

In honor of our pets, the month of April is officially National Pet Month. Take time to boast about the animal in your family. Don't be afraid to share cute pet pictures on your social media account, and be sure to spoil your pet a little more this month.

If you currently do not have a pet to boast about – don't worry. The following are some suggestions on what type of pet best suits your lifestyle and personality.

Dogs and cats tend to get all of the credit this month, but there are plenty of other pets to consider. Whether you are looking for a companion animal, working animal, or show animal, there are truly pets for any type of need.

Responsibilities

When taking on the responsibility of owning a pet, you must

be willing to commit time, energy, and effort in providing your pet with a good home. Find out how much time each family member can devote to the pet, figure out who will pay for all of the expenses that are involved, and discuss each family member's responsibilities. At least one person in your family will need to handle each of the following tasks: feeding, grooming, exercising, and training. If you are able to delegate a family member to each of the following responsibilities, then you can move on to selecting the animal that fits your personality and needs.

One of the primary considerations in your pet choice is determining whether you are looking for a show animal, a worker animal, or a companion.

Companion Animals – These animals may stay indoors at all times, spend time outside, or even go with you on trips or outings. Dogs and cats are the most common types of companion animals, but they are not the only options. They can range from fish, reptiles, rodents, to even birds. Companion animals are as varied

as their owners' personalities but make great pets.

Working Animals – Every type of animal is smart and skilled in their own way. Domestic and wild animals alike have made it through a long journey to get to where we are today, and this wouldn't have happened if they didn't adapt and rely on their skills. However, some animals have a remarkable skill set that allows them to become a worker with proper training. Working animals are kept for the purposes of guiding the blind, herding sheep, or hunting. These specialized skills are rare, which is why your options for finding a working animal are much narrower than your options for finding a companion animal.

Show Animals – Show animals require more care than any other animal. If you're considering purchasing a pig, cow, horse, rabbit, etc., you should be prepared for a major commitment. You are going to spend a great deal of time training, grooming, and caring for your show animal. The rewards of owning such an animal are numerous, but so are the costs and responsibilities.




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100-years worth of stories...times five

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After he collapsed on the couch, he decided to go through with it and gave her eight children.
For Harvest View staff, having five residents who could tell a century worth of life lessons and memories is unique.
“During the beginning of Covid-19 we really were their family,” said Harvest View Executive Director Janet Glazar, who has been with the facility since 2015. “We had to quarantine and no one was allowed in at first, including family members. We always look at them like family members, but during that time we got closer to them and love them like family members.”
“This is what made us aware of their ages and how many were 100 or nearing 100. We haven’t had this many residents reach 100 at the same time since I’ve been here, and no one else recalls anything like this.”
Glazar added no one can really tell the five Harvest View family members are as old as they are because they’re all lively, can hold conversations, enjoy everything they do and are interested in the senior living activities.
Between reliving her days as a child on a farm in Essex Township, Marjorie Kersch (98, will turn 99 in November) speaks highly of chair exercises and the amount of clubs she is able to be involved with as she frequently attends Literature Club and Worship Service.
Leaving her home wasn’t easy for her, but after the initial move in, Kersch has come to enjoy Harvest View.
“Of course I never thought I’d be somewhere like this. I didn’t come here willingly,” said Kersch. “If I have to be away from my home, this seems to be a very good place. Everybody is very polite and kind. That’s a nice thing. There are a certain amount of people that don’t think they’re going to get old, but we are. From what I can see, most people look like they’re doing OK.”
“I’m busy all of the time. Of course I nap too, but they always have things going on if I want to take advantage of them. We do the chair exercises, which I think is good for us. You sit on a chair and someone tells you which way to move like, “arms up” or “legs out”. It lasts about 15 minutes and is a couple times a week. I think those have helped keep us moving.”
But, don’t leave Kersch a seat for Bingo because she won’t be attending. She doesn’t like Bingo and would rather not be there.
Roscella Piper, the eldest at 102, has plenty of memories of her twin sister Marcella who also lived at Harvest View and shared a 100-year birthday party with Roscella in 2019.
Genny Berger is an only child who turned 100 in No-



Ed Murray turned 100 on August 15



Marjorie Kersch will turn 99 in November



Roscella Piper, the oldest at 102. She celebrated her 100th birthday with her twin sister, Marcella at Harvest View.



Genny Berger is an only child who turned 100 in November.



Gene Wood will turn 100 in July 2022.



vember. She recollects thoughts of marrying a farmer and raising three children over games of Euchre, Bridge and Phase 10.
Farm life is the root of Gene Wood’s adventures, but the former accountant who turns 100 in July of 2022 can tell you about the city life as well since

she moved to Kankakee at 18 and didn’t leave until she walked through the Harvest View doors.
The quantity and quality of story ideas a writer can jot down on a notepad after just a few minutes of speaking with the centenarians or near centenarians is astonishing.

It just leaves the question, how is it possible to have the vast knowledge of five 100-year old storytellers in the same building?

“Truthfully and honestly, I ate my vegetables. I always had good, balanced meals,” said Kersch. “You have to take one day at a time and make the best of it. If today isn’t so good, tomorrow will be a whole lot better.”

Murray says he reached his goal of seeing the turn of the century (2000) and has made it 21 years afterward because of what he didn’t do.

“The main secret is I’ve never had a puff of smoke in my lungs,” said Murray. “I never had one puff of a cigarette, a cigar, a pipe or anything else. I think that’s a very big thing in my longevity at this point.”

From a doctor’s perspective, it’s the physical attributes Kersch and Murray live by mixed with mental stimulation.

Dr. Jeffery Long – a Harvest View co-owner, member of the board of directors, and medical officer – believes Piper, Murray, Berger, Wood and Kersch have aged well because of socialization.

“Socialization adds years to their lives. Seniors who live alone can isolate themselves, and this isolation also impacts their health, which can lead to serious medical problems,” said Long. “In comparison, through living at Harvest View in an assisted living community, these seniors gain positive social connections compared to those who have little social contact with others.”

Whether it was eating broccoli, saying no to cigarettes or being around other storytellers, the tales have survived to be passed on.

And as long as they can, the memories, recollections and the emotions behind them will be preserved at Harvest View.

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Never The Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance



Google just displayed how to say hello in 15 other languages, but since I truly only know one, I’ll say hello.

Actually, English is more than just a language, it’s a way of life, a way of making a living and a way of forming one of those long-lasting smiles you can’t forget because it begins to physically hurt as it stretches from ear to ear.

Since second semester of freshman year at Southern Illinois University in 2005, I’ve written for or had stories published in 11 newspapers, blogged for six websites, broadcast football, basketball, baseball or volleyball games for five radio stations, and started Edge of Your Seat Podcast.

In other words, I like words.
Along the 16-year journalism journey, the love for words blossomed into a passion for complicated sentences, subjects, stories and life in general. Knowing about everything life has to offer or brings our way has become an obsession. A good one, but an obsession to the point where life has no meaning if every way of thinking, moving, reacting isn’t investigated, pondered, discovered and then of course...discussed.

This very obsession is why I’m here. It’s why I’m sitting in front of my computer at 3:37 a.m. on a Saturday before putting on a tie and sitting at a desk as a customer service representative at a bank.

It’s the very reason I am currently an assistant coach for the Illinois Valley Community College women’s basketball team, a co-coach for a kindergarten/first grade soccer coach and a color commentary radio personality for La Salle-Peru football games.

I want to see it all. I want to hear it all. I want to write stories. I want to tell stories.

Life is only here for a short time for all of us, so why waste it doing the same things all of the time? Why be in the same situations with the same people in the same location and never learn from someone new or a different environment or dynamic?

This is why my love for English, people and their stories brings me to *The Paper* and to the 21 communities it covers.

I was born in Janesville, Wis. and have lived in or spent a ton of time in Milwaukee, Rockford, DeKalb, Sycamore, Mendota, Carbondale, Murphysboro, Carterville, Oglesby, La Salle, Peru, Spring Valley, Princeton, La Moille, Compton and Wichita Falls, Texas. There are plenty of other towns, cities and states I’ve been to more than once.

Every place I’ve gone, there have been amazing stories told to me by wonderful, astonishing people I will never forget and I hope readers and listeners will never forget as well.

I’ve been associated with Dwight for half a teaspoon of sugar put into the cup of coffee of the well-versed cliché and have already spoken to fantastic individuals who told me stories I’ve laughed over, over thought about and won’t forget.

Just the way it should be and just the way I know my time in the area will be.

Hopefully, I get to meet you, your family, a close friend, your neighbor or your neighbor’s neighbor.

We will share stories, share laughs, share thoughts and pass on the awesomeness to the next person who opens *The Paper*.

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Senate Passes Barickman Legislation to Help Mead Producers

SPRINGFIELD– The state’s producers of Mead could soon get some regulatory help as they work to grow their businesses, due to legislation filed by State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) that passed the Illinois Senate on April 21.

“If we want to improve our local economy, we have to let our businesses grow and add jobs, which is what this legislation is designed to do,” said Barickman. “This creates a path to help an entire industry grow and develop in Illinois.”

Barickman’s legislation, SB297, updates state law to properly classify Mead, a wine-like beverage made from honey. The bill allows licensed producers of mead and/or cider to self-distribute up to 5,000 gallons to local breweries that sell their products directly to consumers.

The legislation was inspired by Unpossible Mead, a meadery in Dwight, Ill.

“This would allow greater distribution of mead to the public and give brewers an additional gluten free option for

customers that are requesting them,” said Brian Galbreath owner of Unpossible Mead in Dwight. “This will help our business to grow and expand and help create additional jobs.”

It’s always an honor to work with constituents to develop new legislation that not only helps them, but is good for the entire state,” said Barickman.

The legislation passed the Illinois Senate and is now headed to the House for consideration in that chamber.



A GROUP OF 30 MPH PARTICIPANTS from Seneca High School found a sign that expresses their sentiments after picking up trash for over two days.

Seneca HS Completes Another ‘30 MPH’

In a year of needed flexibility and adaptability, the Seneca FFA had to do just that as they organized another year of their 30 MPH trash pick-up program for Seneca High School.
Spread over two days, over 300 students and several teachers from SHS picked up 32 miles of highway garbage, two miles of the Illinois and Michigan canal and tow path, cleared the ravines around two cemeteries, and removed trash from the perimeter of the school

grounds.
“We were able to make the Seneca area more beautiful on two beautiful spring days,” said Owen Quigley, 30 MPH Co-Chairperson. “It was great to see so many of our friends volunteer and get involved. Some went three or four times.”
Brother and Co-Chair, Noah Quigley, commented, “We notice a decrease in garbage every year, so our message is getting out there, but we still have a long way to go to get people to

take better care of our environment.”
In lieu of the traditional t-shirt, the FFA provided safety vests to all participants. The vests were made possible from grants from Exelon and CF Industries.
The Seneca FFA extended its thanks to those entities that provided security: the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Seneca Fire Department, and the Seneca Police Department.

Morris Hospital Providers Recognized for Excellent Care

Six providers from Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers were awarded Five-Star Excellence Awards for overall quality of care from Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC), the firm that conducts patient experience surveys on behalf of Morris Hospital. The providers include:
• Sarah Bojak, family nurse practitioner at the Channahon Healthcare Center.
• Sherri Davis, pediatric physician assistant at the Minooka Healthcare Center.
• Jennifer Frye, family nurse practitioner at the Mazon and

Newark Healthcare Centers.
• Dr. Mary Gordon, cardiologist at the Morris Hospital Cardiovascular Specialists.
• Dr. Melissa Hill, pediatrician at the Morris Hospital Ottawa Campus.
• Diane Zuelke, family nurse practitioner at the Morris Healthcare Center – Dresden Drive.
Each year, PRC recognizes providers who rank in the top 10% of PRC’s national client database based on the percentage of patients who give their providers an “excellent” rating for overall quality of care. The

awards received by the six Morris Hospital providers are based on responses from patient surveys taken during 2020.
“We are very proud of these six providers for their dedication to providing our patients with excellent care,” says Mark Steadham, President & CEO of Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers. “Patient satisfaction is one of our highest priorities. These providers have clearly demonstrated that they are consistently going above and beyond to deliver an exceptional experience for their patients.”

2021-2022 School, Sports Physicals, Immunizations at LCHD

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is now scheduling 2021-2022 school and sports physicals and immunizations.
Appointments are available from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 2, 9, 16, and 30; and July 7, 14, 21,

and 28.
Due to additional testing requirements, they will not be able to accommodate appointments for students who have had COVID-19 in the past.
Charges will be billed to private insurance or Medicaid.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students not covered by any form of health insurance.
LCHD is located at 310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac. Call 815-844-7174, ext. 210, to reserve your appointment.

the corner

by Tom Tock

The other day I read in the *Epoch Times* that as a taxpayer in the United States I owe \$796,000 as my share of the national debt.

But not to worry. Joe said he would cover me with another check.

In Illinois, the per-taxpayer debt is roughly \$13,354, according to the State Debt Clock on the internet. Again, no worry, JB says he can borrow enough to cover it and he has already done so.

Once the showering of money from our governments is over -- distributed fairly and unfairly -- to the needy and the unneedy -- will it have firmly established America as being on the road to Socialism? Or already there?

Just asking.

As if Chicago didn't have enough trouble with its shootings, with companies unable to pay their millions of dollars in overdue rent on partially vacant downtown buildings, with properly allocating the money received from Washington, finding a buyer or buyers for the albatross Thompson building -- a marijuana problem persists.

Promises to grant marijuana licenses to minority businesses in areas that were most afflicted with problems prior to legalizing the sale of weed have been broken.

While the legalized sale of recreational marijuana has ballooned to a \$1-billion a year business, and provided

\$175-million in state taxes, some 75 promised new retail licenses have yet to be awarded.

Meanwhile, big company medical marijuana growers have been hard pressed to produce enough marijuana for the additional recreational sales, which they have also been allowed to dispense.

Like a lot of things in Illinois, the recreational stoning of a larger percentage of our citizens seems to have been somewhat postponed.

Do you think that's good or bad?

Just asking.

Speaking of postponements, this morning's Tribune headlined the fact that there have been problems with deciding how to proceed with drawing new legislative boundaries in Illinois.

Should regular Federal census data be used to determine a new map or the estimated census data gathered by the America Community Survey, which estimates population according to forecast trends?


Democrats have the power to get the job done by a June 30 deadline. Failing to achieve a new map by then may allow the Republican Party to take a stab at it.

Guess who will win that battle?


Just asking.

Remember to take a walk.


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Emily Scott




Jace Kern




Eden Beier



Lucas Kisner




Hailey Heath




Elizabeth Brown

THE SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM from Dwight Township High School celebrated their Achievement Night with Awards being presented to Emily Scott – SVC All Conference First Team, SVC Total Tossups second place medal, and Most Valuable Team Member; Jace Kern was awarded SVC All-Conference Second Team and SVC Total Tossups fifth place medal; Eden Beier and Lucas Kisner were awarded SVC All-Conference Honorable Mention; and Hailey Heath was awarded Most Improved Team Member. Seniors Elizabeth Brown, Lucas Kisner, and Eden Beier were also honored. Congratulations to the DTHS Scholastic Bowl Team on a great season!



RACHEL HEATH WAS INDUCTED into a state officer position for Illinois FCCLA for the upcoming year, 2021-2022. She will participate as a leader for all Illinois FCCLA conferences and will represent the state well. “We are excited to see the growth in this young lady,” said FCCLA Adviser, Mrs. Tamara Fritchtnitch.



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DTHS Students Help Fight World Hunger with Art

Dwight Township High School Art 3 students received over \$300 in donations from the Empty Bowl Silent Auction

for their hand-crafted ceramic bowls.

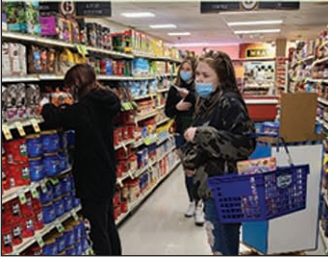
This past week, they went shopping to buy food from Berkot's to fight world hunger. They thought about nutritious and family-friendly foods that people would want. This will go to help fill the micro pantry at the Historic Depot in down-

town Dwight.

Kendahl W. won the highest bid in the Silent Art Auction – and most bang for her buck when buying donations. Harley L. and Ashton B. won closest dollar amount in shopping. Cheyenne H. won best savings award in shopping.



DTHS Art Students went shopping to buy food to fight world hunger with monies collected by selling hand-crafted ceramic bowls.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph Loren Dixon

Joseph Loren Dixon, a resident of Fond du Lac, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2021 in Austin, Texas.

Joe was born January 17, 1940 in Campus, Illinois, to Thomas and Dorothy Dixon. Joe was a graduate of Dwight High School and attended Northern Illinois University.

Upon graduating high school he enrolled in the United States Marine Corps, and served our country for five years.

In 1963, he married Sandra Sadoff, and together they created a family and life together.

Joe was a distinguished and accomplished pilot and achieved every aviation rating, including helicopter and jet, and completed his private and commercial pilot licenses in the shortest amount of time for any student.

His mastery for aviation allowed him to build a Formula V Midget Plane, which led to many awards including the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Wittman Trophy, The Durham Trophy, for the Best Auto Powered Aircraft at the EAA. His Formula V Midget was only the first crafted of its kind in the Midwest except for Steve Wittman's, who was a consultant, professor, and friend to Joe. Joe's extensive knowledge of aviation led him to consult, teach, and instruct students across the country.

In July 2002, Joe was awarded the EAA's most prestigious "Lindy" trophy. The Lindy awards excellence in construction, restoration, and craftsmanship for a Wittman-designed Tailwind, constructed by Joe. This distinguished honor was given by Charles Lindbergh's grandson, Eric Lindbergh.

Joe not only took to the air, but loved cars and a vast majority of them. Joe collected and built many automobiles over the years. His passion included a 1934 Ford, a 1970 Corvette, 1940 Ford, Chevy Impala. His pride and joy was a 1949 Cadillac Sedanette.

Through the years, Joe achieved numerous awards for his attention to detail and craftsmanship, and the love he had for automobiles. He could



always be found in his building called "Joe's Paradise." This is where friends would come over and catch up on the latest projects and news, and where many great decisions took place.

Joe's time and energy not only involved cars and airplanes, but 30 years of giving time and labor as a Director and Manager of Tri-Welders Supply. Joe's majority of efforts were spent at Kohler Company, bridging the two companies together. Whether it be design, creating, developing, or working with many teams, Joe's dedication to his career allowed him to be at the forefront for the most current and innovative ideas to present to the public.

Joe was involved in many organizations, which included: Experimental Aircraft Association, Fondy Vintage Auto Group, Yacht Club, Sail Club, Ducks Unlimited, Quiet Bird, Road America, Corvette Club, Young Eagles Club, and The EAA Foundation.

Survivors include: a daughter, Pamela Maguire (Sean), and grandson, Conor, of Austin, Texas. Dear friends who came to Joe's aid three years ago to help him from a difficult situation include: Dan Perry (Jill), Greg Smith (Maureen), Tim Hjelley (Luanne), The Idzik Family, Denise Clumpner, Jesse Fisher, and the late Butch Gurnz (Gina), all of Fond du Lac. Joe loved and enjoyed the many animals at The Auberge as well as his favorite grand doggies, Bernie, Betty Sue, and Blue kitty cat. A son, Patrick.

Preceding in death: Sandra Sadoff Dixon, Dave and Mary Sadoff, Thomas and Dorothy Dixon, Deane Dixon, and Robert Dixon.

We would like to give great thanks and gratitude to the staff at the Auberge in Austin, Texas. Your compassion and kindness through this journey of life gave Joe comfort, peace, and friendship that he held close to his heart.

A celebration of life will be hosted for Joe in his honor at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make all donations to the Fond du Lac area Humane Society, (920) 922-8873.

Darlene E. Rettell

Darlene E. Rettell, age 86, of Kempton passed away Monday, October 5, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born December 16, 1933 in Wesley Township, the daughter of Leroy and Anna (Marma) LaMontagne. Darlene married Clifford C. "Sonny" Rettell on December 31, 1952. He preceded her in death.

Darlene was a 30-year employee of General Foods in Kankakee. She was a 1952 graduate of R.U.C.E. in Reddick.

Darlene enjoyed crafting, painting, dancing, cooking, and mowing the lawn. She drove stock cars and motorcycles. She loved babysitting her grandchildren and making blankets for her family. Darlene loved her dogs, Candy and Sunnygirl. She enjoyed doing various jobs and was a lifelong learner.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law: Debbie and Gene Gulley of Bourbonnais; Cathy Foiles of Kempton; and Sheila and Donnie Haggard of DuQuoin;



grandchildren: Tim Lowe, Josh Lowe, Miranda (Osie) Rettell, Tony Gulley, Aaron (Lacie) Haggard, Afton Haggard; great-grandchildren: Caitlynn (Zack) Sunday, T.J. Cook, Charlie Haggard, Levi Haggard,

Xane Gulley, and Xavier Gulley; great-great-grandchildren: Aliyah, and Cohen Sunday; one sister, Janet Burke of Martinton; and many nieces and nephews.

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford "Sonny" Rettell; parents; and one son, Randy Rettell.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Clancy - Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Inurnment will follow in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Please sign her guestbook at www.clancygernon.com

Community Members Welcome

Blood Drive in Cullom
Wednesday, May 12

The Tri-Point FFA will sponsor a Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Tri-Point High School gym, 100 E. Van Alstyne St. in Cullom.

To make an appointment, contact Tri-Point High School at 689-2110, ext. 301; or email bakerj@tripointschools.org or dloschen@tripointschools.org

Students need to take either a driver's license or two forms of other ID (with one that has proof of age).

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or

more graduating seniors earn a scholarship.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

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Tangible Items

I realized the other day that I'm roughly 8 years into doing this column. So this one, like with many in the past - and potentially future - may be something that I've touched on previously, but I'm doing it, again, regardless.

I received a vinyl record in the mail today. Yes, a vinyl. I would say 97% of my music consumption currently is via Spotify or YouTube, but every once in a while I like to get out some actual records and throw them on. While I realize this is skipping a few advancements in technology, such as the cassette and the CD, there's just something about vinyl that lends itself to enduring forever.

I think the music contrast is similar to what's going on in the sports card space, and collecting space as a whole. NFTs and digital collectibles are taking off, and there's definitely a convenience factor with collecting and trading them, considering it's all online, much like your Spotify and YouTube of the world with music.

But, there's something about holding a physical card of your favorite player, or holding a vinyl of your favorite album that just will never ever, no matter how advanced we get as a society, ever be replaced. There are liner notes and often some sort of more detailed artwork that comes with vinyl that you just can't duplicate on Spotify. Can't be done, much like with cards.

I've dove fairly deep into the NFT world and collecting digitally, but I like being able to hold the card, read the stats on the back, and find out what year it's from. All the nerdy stuff that most people probably don't care about, that's fun to do with cards.

Point being of all this, physical stuff is, was and forever will be cool, and I'm going to keep collecting things that I like because it's fun.

Go Cubs.

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Provide Food Service Management at
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education, Dwight Common School District #232 ("the School Food Authority-SFA"); is requesting bids to Provide Food Service Management from Food Service Management Companies (FSMC) at Dwight Common School District #232.

Sealed bids will be accepted at:
Attn: Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent
Dwight Common School District #232
801 S. Franklin St.
Dwight, IL 60420

Sealed Bids will be accepted no later than 2:30 pm on Friday, May 28, 2021, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted on forms included in the IFB document.

A Pre-Bid Meeting to tour the facilities will be held at 2:30 pm on Monday, May 10, 2021, at Dwight Common School District #232 District Office, 801 S. Franklin St., Dwight, IL 60420. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory.

Beginning Wednesday, April 28, 2021, bid specifications will be available. Contact Dr. Richard Jancek at jancekr@dwright.k12.il.us.

Questions related to the IFB may be submitted, in writing, via email to jancekr@dwright.k12.il.us by 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, May 14, 2021. Questions will be answered via email in the form of an addendum to all potential bidders.

Bidders must be fully aware and comply with USDA and state regulations regarding school food service.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, waive any irregularities or informalities in bids.

All vendors must comply with applicable Illinois law requiring payment of prevailing wage by contractors working on public funded projects, and with Illinois statutory requirements regarding labor, including Equal Employment Opportunity Laws.

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

OSF Diabetes Support Group to
Meet May 4

The next meeting of the OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center Diabetes Support Group will be Tuesday, May 4, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and they welcome all who are facing the challenges of diabetes.

The program will be "Healthy Behaviors for a Healthy Immune System" by Jenna Smith, Registered Dietitian, University of Illinois Extension Service.

A healthy immune system gives the body a layer of protection. While no one food or behavior can prevent illness, you can boost your immunity with a healthy balance of nutri-

ent-rich foods, adequate sleep, physical activity and managed stress. Jenna will discuss the steps to building a strong immune system and will include a cooking demonstration as an added bonus.

This program will be held in the main floor conference room, where there is adequate room for physical distancing. A brief health screening will be completed for each guest upon arrival and masks will be required.

Pre-registration is not necessary for this free program.

For more information, contact Sherri Schlatter, Diabetes Educator, at 815-842-4970.

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STREATOR ONIZED CREDIT UNION in Dwight held its ribbon cutting at its new location. Pictured, from left, are Don Luckey (board member), Tony Miles (board member), Deb Karch (DEA Economic Development Director and Chief of Staff, State Rep. Tom Bennett), Bill Flott (DEA board member), Cameron Price, Elizabeth Eggenberger, Katrina Cribbett, Doug Patterson (SOCU CEO), Chantell Watenpaugh (SOCU Branch Manager), Bonnie Adams, John Salzar (DEA board member), and Christina Howard (Fox).

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SOCU

A DONATION OF \$150 WAS MADE for the SOCU ribbon cutting. Pictured are Cameron Price, Chantell Watenpaugh, Katrina Cribbett, Bonnie Adams, Elizabeth Eggenberger, and Christina Howard (Fox).

photo by Shayla Loring Photography



DTHS Plans for — — —

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- Trainor, Varsity Head Softball Coach.
- affirmed employment of Dezi Leonard, Assistant Softball Coach.
 - approved employment of Robert Caridi, Summer Worker.
 - affirmed employment of Jocelyn Sims, Van Driver.
 - approved the purchase of a

John Deere Bunker / Field Rake (Groomer) from J.W. Turf at a cost of \$15,355.72.

- approved IHSA 2021-33 membership and participation fees.

The next regular meeting of the DTHS Board of Education will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 19. School board meetings have returned to in-person sessions taking place in the DTHS Cafeteria with atten-

dance limited to 50 persons. In addition, please check the school's website for virtual access information and link prior to the meeting. Since October 2020, members of the Redbird and Trojan community have been able to virtually attend regularly-scheduled monthly board meetings. Virtual attendees are able to view and listen only. To comment or participate in Public Forum, in-person attendance is required.

GSW Captures RVC Meet for the 8th Consecutive Year



THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Math Team won the River Valley Conference Meet for the eighth consecutive year. Easton Ashley and Blake Huston took first place in their Trigonometry Oral, and Ashley Frideres and Avery Williams took third in their Graph Theory Oral. "Great job, to all team members," said Math Team Coach, Nicole Leigh.

GSW High School Board Sets FY 22 Meeting Dates

The Gardner - South Wilmington High School Board met Wednesday, April 21, with no audience present.

Meetings in FY22 will be held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at GSW High School.

Pam Brooks was elected as Board President, and Katy Wepprecht, Vice President.

Carla Huston was appointed Board Secretary and Treasurer.

Members appointed to committees include: Pam Brooks, GAVC; Allison Wright, GCSEC (Special Education Co-operative); Katy Wepprecht, IASB Governing Board / IASB convention delegate; Kori Speed and Kristen Ashley, Board Policy;

Pam Brooks and Tim Harvey, Building and Grounds; Allison Wright, Braceville Elementary School IGA; Terry Schultz, Community/Safety Council and Kori Speed and Kristen Ashley, DTHS IGA.

Mr. John Engelman, Principal, reported that the juniors took the SAT test April 13; on April 15, juniors and seniors attended an assembly presented by Grundy County Coroner John Callahan. He discussed drinking and driving, and making good decisions. On the 21st, Schwan's ice cream was distributed to the 88 students who received a vote for Student of the Year.

Mr. DeLong told of the summer work's main focus being the kitchen/cafeeteria remodel, and GSW is still in need of one summer worker.

Superintendent DeLong reported on April 21 being Administrative Assistant Day; May 3 - 7 is Teacher Appreciation Week; and talk is circulating about forced school consolidation in the state of Illinois.

In Solar Farm news, he said there was discussion of the land not having enough wattage, but GSW has been notified that the wattage has not changed.

Mr. DeLong has spoken with several sources concerning TIF, and he believes it is in the district's best interest to

GSW Board Holds Meeting Before April 21 Meeting

A Sine Die meeting was held April 21 by the Gardner - South Wilmington School Board at which Village of Gardner Mayor Mike Serena discussed the potential TIF Extension and asked for the board's support. Mayor Serena stated that Gardner Grade School, Gardner - South Wilmington High School, Gardner Fire District and the Village of Gardner will all benefit from the extension. He asked the Board to send a "letter of support" to the Village so the necessary paperwork for the 12-year extension on the TIF could be completed.

During public comment, Kurt Fosnaugh, a former GSW employee, asked about recent cafeteria hiring and staffing.

Cindy Gerber, who served on the GSW High School Board since May 2009, was recognized.

After having canvassed the votes in the April 6 election, the Grundy and Kanka-

kee County Clerks have submitted an Abstract of Votes which contains the number of votes each candidate received in the election. The President read the Resolution certifying the election results, each for a 4-year term: Kristen Ashley, 215 votes; Terry Schultz, 231 votes; Allison Wright, 202 votes; and Timothy M. Harvey, 235 votes. The four candidates were elected.

Ms. Wright motioned, seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht, to approve the resolution certifying the election results submitted by the Clerks of Grundy and Kankakee Counties; Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and Mrs. Gerber seconded to appoint Pam Brooks as President Pro Tem; and Mrs. Ashley adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Ms. Wright. All motions carried 6-0.

The regular GSW High School Board meeting followed.

support the extension.

Kylee Ledlow, in Health Occupations, and Kevin Ferrari, Engineering II, have received the GAVC Director's Award for March.

The April 17 prom at the Gardner American Legion went well and had great parent and staff support.

Graduation will be held Sunday, May 16, at 12 noon, with two plans - Plan A is to hold the ceremony outside with all students graduating together; Plan B, in case of weather issues, is to hold the ceremony in the gym with groups of students graduating together at a time.

Mr. Williamsen is creating a Technology Handbook for the 1:1 program next school year, and it will be included in the GSW Student Handbook.

Money from an ESSR Funds grant is a good thing for GSW - 20% of ESSR III must

be used to address learning loss. GSW is looking at different options: after school tutoring, transportation home for students after tutoring, hiring a paraprofessional for next school year for extra help with the special education students, and additional interventions.

Action items included: Approval of Illinois Central/ North American Central School Bus proposal for transportation services for school years 2021-2024; approval of IHSA membership renewal for 2021-22 with a membership fee of \$875; hiring of temporary summer building cleaning crew with Adam Leigh as crew leader, and Caydan Landry; approval of opening for an instructional paraprofessional for 2021-22 school year; and approval of Tax I Extension request from the Village of Gardner.

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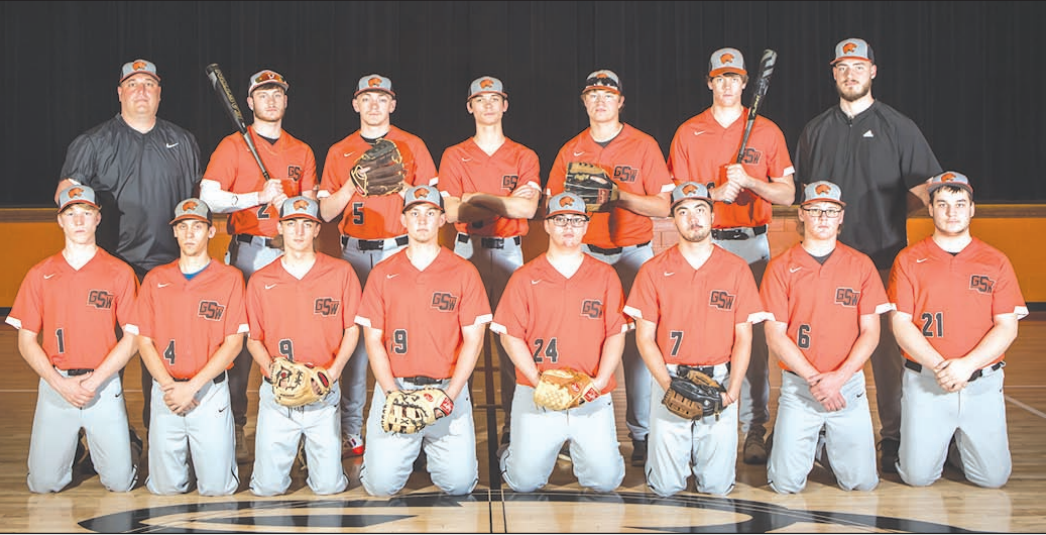
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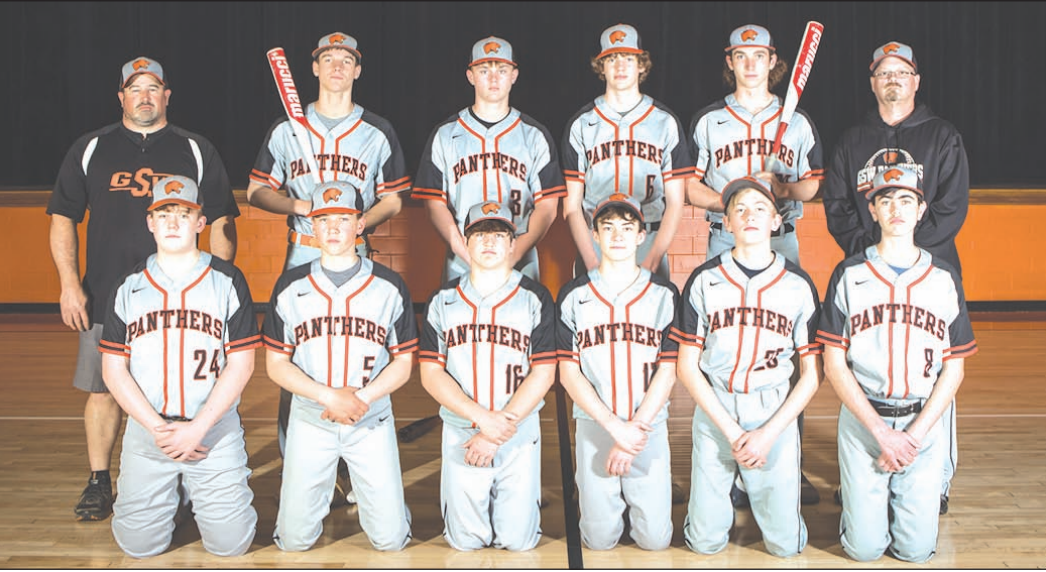
Saturday, May 1st @ 9am - 3pm
Sunday, May 2nd @ 10am - 2pm
Monday, May 3rd @ 2:30pm - 4pm

SPORTS



GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON’S varsity Panthers return to the field in 2021 ready for action. Pictured, front row, are Ethan Mack, Kaden Grivetti, Bryce Handzus, Blake Huston, Nathan Weese, Aiddan Daugherty, Blake Patterson, Niko Alvarez; back row, Coach Allan Wills, Caydan Landry, James Morrision, Garrett Grant, Alex McElroy, Brandon States, and Trevor Sampson.

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THE JV PANTHERS of Gardner-South Wilmington, pictured, front row, consist of Nathan States, Cale Halpin, Dane Halpin, Ryan Cacello, Braxton Johnson, Keith Page; back, Chris Halpin, Bennett Grant, Ethan Maxard, Dylan Carpenter, Brody Fatlan, and Bill Asbridge.

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Pulver
One of Five
Vikings
Placing
Second at
Meet of
Champions

Five second-place efforts highlighted Augustana’s performance April 17 at the Meet of Champions at Paul V. Olsen Track, including Wes Pulver (Dwight Township High School, Dwight) who threw the javelin 147’2”, adding to the Vikings’ total score of 97.5 – good enough for fifth place overall.

Augustana will compete next on April 30 at Wheaton’s Don Church Invitational.



Thursday, April 22
GSW vs. Lexington
Varsity -

The Gardner-South Wilmington Panthers picked up their first win of 2021, beating Lexington 10-4 on April 22.

Kaden Grivetti got the win on the mound, tossing three innings of two-hit ball, striking out four and allowing just one earned run on four walks, two singles, and a hit batsman. Bryce Handzus came on in relief for two innings, giving up a single and hitting one batter, while fanning four. In two innings of work, Alex McElroy allowed one earned run on five singles, striking out one.

Offensively, GSW was led by McElroy, who knocked in three runs on a single and a sacrifice, scoring twice and stealing two bases. Caydan Landry (single, double, walk, sac., RBI, 3 runs, 2 SB), Nathan Weese (sac.), Blake Patterson (walk, run), Garrett Grant (walk), and Grivetti (single, walk, run, SB) each had one RBI. Blake Huston (HBP, SB, 2 runs) and Ethan Maxard (walk) each singled twice, with Handzus walking twice and scoring once. Aiddan Daugherty and James Morrison each drew one walk.

GSW LADY PANTHERS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, April 19
GSW vs. Grant Park
JV -
RVC Tournament

The Lady Panthers took part in the River Valley Conference Tournament April 19, winning 25-8, 29-27 over Grant Park.

Leading the way for GSW was Addison Fair with four aces, three kills, a block, and a dig. Eva Henderson had three aces and three kills. Colby Grieff (10 kills, 1 assist) and Ava Schultz (17 assists, 1 kill) each added an ace.

Varsity -
GSW’s varsity squad won in three sets over Grant Park, 25-14, 26-28, 25-10.

Hannah Frescura led with seven aces, 25 assists, five digs, and a kill. Grace Halpin had four aces, eight kills, five digs, and one assist. Abby Beck provided an ace, 11 digs, nine kills, and a block. Kylie Hawks (5 kills, 1 block) and Claire Hennessy (6 kills) had nine and five digs, respectively.

Tuesday, April 20
GSW vs. Grace Christian
JV -
RVC Tournament

In RVC Tournament play April 20, GSW beat Grace Christian 25-16, 25-18.

Eva Henderson led with five aces and one dig, followed by Ava Schultz (12 assists, 2 kills) and Addison Fair (4 digs, 4 kills) with two aces each. Makenzi Hahn added seven kills and two blocks.

The Lady Panthers improve to 15-4 overall and 14-2 in conference action.

Varsity -
GSW picked up a 25-22, 25-17 victory over Grace Christian in the varsity match-up.

Kylie Hawks had two aces, nine digs, six kills, a block, and one assist to lead her team. Abby Beck (8 digs, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 2 assists), Grace Halpin (9 digs, 6 kills, 1 assist), and Hannah Frescura (16 assists, 3 kills, 3 digs) each added one ace.

DTHS LADY TROJANS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, April 20
Dwight vs. Watseka
JV -

Dwight’s JV volleyball team lost to Watseka April 20, 5-25, 12-25.

Olivia Folkers had one ace, with Kassy Kodat supplying nine digs. Cheyanne Condreay and Maya Green each added six digs, while Milana Bradley, Avery Scheuer, and Green each contributed a kill.

Varsity -
The Lady Trojans lost in the varsity meeting, 17-25, 9-25.

Kayla Kodat led with three aces, five digs, four kills, and a block. Alexis Thetard provided two aces, six digs, three kills, and a block, with Jordan Schultz adding an ace and 15 digs. Kassy Kodat had nine assists, four digs, two kills, and one block. Erin Anderson contributed three digs and two kills. Alexis Cuaya had one kill.

Thursday, April 22
Dwight vs. Watseka
JV -

In JV volleyball play April 22, Dwight fell to Watseka, 13-25, 9-25.

Kassy Kodat had 14 digs and an assist. Cheyanne Condreay had three digs, three assists, and a kill. Avery Scheuer added three digs, one kill; Maya Green, two digs, two kills. Lily McKelvey put up a kill and one block.

Varsity -
The varsity Lady Trojans were defeated in three sets by Watseka, 26-24, 25-13, 25-15.

Kayla Kodat (7 kills, 7 digs, 1 block) and Alexis Thetard (9 digs, 7 kills, 3 blocks) each had three aces. Jordan Schultz (23 digs) and Erin Anderson (4 kills, 3 digs) had two aces each. Kassy Kodat contributed 18 assists, five digs, two kills, and a block. Alexis Cuaya chipped in with two digs and a kill.

SENECA FIGHTING IRISH BASEBALL

Friday, April 23
Seneca vs. Fieldcrest
Varsity -

In baseball action April 23, Seneca walked off in extra innings after beating Fieldcrest, 8-7.

Matt Cruise started the game for the Fighting Irish on the mound, allowing no earned runs on two hits and two walks, striking out six. Gage Cryder pitched two-plus innings, giving up two earned runs on three hits – fanning five. Brayden Roe wound up with the win, helping put out seven Field-

crest hitters, allowing just one hit and two walks.

At the plate, Cruise singled, knocked in two runs, and scored once. Roe (2 singles, double, walk, SB, 2 runs), Cryder (single), and Levi Maierhofer (2 singles, run) each had an RBI. Cole Underhill singled twice, walked once, and was hit by a pitch. Cole Hintze, Tyler Sulzberger, and Hayden Klicker each drew a walk and scored a run. Noah Quigley added a run.

Gas Prices For
This Week

U.S. gasoline demand recorded its second highest measurement since mid-March 2020. This latest demand reading is the highest spring number released in two years. The jump in demand combined with the small increase in supply pushed the national gas price average two cents more expensive on the week to \$2.88. This is the largest one-week national jump we’ve seen in five weeks. This week, 35 state averages increased with the majority seeing only one to three cent jumps.

City/Village	April 24	April 19
Dwight	\$2.98	\$2.98
Kankakee	\$2.95	\$2.89
Streator	\$2.82	\$2.98
Pontiac	\$2.96	\$2.71
Gardner	\$3.06	\$3.06
Braceville	\$3.09	\$3.09
Morris	\$3.03	\$3.00
Herscher	\$3.09	\$3.09
Chicago	\$3.22	\$3.20
Illinois	\$3.09	\$3.07
U.S.	\$2.88	\$2.87

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PTHS LADY INDIANS SOFTBALL

Saturday, April 24
Pontiac vs. El Paso-Gridley
Varsity -

The Lady Indians took out El Paso-Gridley in five innings April 24, 10-1.

Peyton Trost pitched all five innings, giving up one earned run on three hits and two walks, striking out four.

Rylee Zimmerman sparked the Pontiac offense by batting in three runs. Alyssa Fox (single, run) and Maddie Gourley

(single, double, run) knocked in two runs each, while P. Trost (single, HBP, walk), Bailey Masching (HBP, run), and Cameron Trost (walk) each added one RBI. Addison Masching (2 walks, 2 runs) and Makayla Metz each singled. Mackenzie Coates scored twice, with Grace Myers and Audrey Sutton (SB) each drawing a walk and scoring a run. Paige Collins scored one run.

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for fiscal year ending March 31, 2021			
Town Fund		Road and Bridge Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 148,461.69	Beginning Balance	\$ 176,044.44
Total Revenues	\$ 96,554.66	Total Revenues	\$ 129,449.13
Expenditures	\$ 78,554.79	Expenditures	\$ 21,585.96
All Other expenditures under \$2,500	\$ 7,318.89	Expenditures under \$2,500	\$ 16,148.81
Total Expenditures	\$ 85,873.68	Total Expenditures	\$ 37,734.77
Ending Balance	\$ 159,142.67	Ending Balance	\$ 267,758.80
Revenue Sharing Fund		Joint Bridge Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 42,449.94	Beginning Balance	\$ 70,283.49
Total Revenues	\$ 17,992.47	Total Revenues	\$ 12,374.02
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,598.00	Total Expenditures	\$ -
Ending balance	\$ 54,844.41	Ending Balance	\$ 82,657.51
Public Assistance Fund		Building & Maintenance Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,701.80	Beginning Balance	\$ 22,349.10
Total Revenues	\$ 1,011.29	Total Revenues	\$ 8,580.30
Total Expenditures	\$ 650.00	Total Expenditures	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 8,063.09	Ending Balance	\$ 30,929.40
Audit Fund		Permanent Road Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,216.45	Beginning Balance	\$ 101,195.55
Total Revenues	\$ 1,002.08	Total Revenues	\$ 40,780.84
Total Expenditures	\$ -	Expenditures	\$ 86,152.70
Ending balance	\$ 4,218.53	Expenditures under \$2,500	\$ 694.00
		Total Expenditures	\$ 86,846.70
		Ending Balance	\$ 55,129.69
Social Security Fund		Capitol Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 63,709.67	Beginning Balance	\$ 845,042.30
Total Revenues	\$ 21,074.58	Total Revenues	\$ 68,711.76
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,292.57	Total Expenditures	\$ 750,627.35
Ending Balance	\$ 81,491.68		\$ 163,126.71
Subscribed and sworn to this 13TH day of April 2021		Ending Balance	
Mark McDermott, Treasurer			
Kregg Harms, Clerk			

Dwight, GSWB Compete in Morris Invitational

On April 17, Dwight and Gardner-South Wilmington-Braceville took part in the Morris Invitational, posting the following results:

7th Grade Girls -

Hurdles: Scheuber (G), 4th, 22.12; Heath (D), 5th, 22.34; Marsh (D), 6th, 22.68; Taylor (D), 7th, 23.12.

100: Rice (G), 1st, 14.59; Heath (D), 2nd, 14.76; Siano (G), 3rd, 14.96.

1600m: Chambers (D), 1st, 5:56.45; Simms (G), 2nd, 6:16.20; Connor (D), 7th, 6:48.

4x200: GSWB, 2nd, 2:17.25; Dwight, 4th, 2:34.

4x100: GSWB, 4th, 1:18.

400: Heath (D), 3rd, 1:16.23; Connor (D), 6th, 1:22.77.

200: Rice (G), 2nd, 31.72; Taylor (D), 8th, 36.75.

800: Simms (G), 1st, 2:56; Chambers (D), 2nd, 2:58.55; Siano (G), 3rd, 2:59.22; Connor (D), 5th, 3:11.72.

4x400: Dwight, 2nd, 5:22.63; GSWB, 5th, 6:15.34.

High Jump: Marsh (D), 2nd, 3'6"; Wilkey (G), 5th, 3'2".

Shot Put: Haggard (D), 5th, 15'.75"; Wilkey (G), 7th, 13'.5".

Discus: Scheuber (G), 1st, 55'6"; Siano (G), 2nd, 54'7.5"; Haggard (D), 3rd, 53'1.5".

Long Jump: Chambers (D), 4th, 12'0"; Siano (G), 5th, 11'8"; Simms (G), 7th, 10'3".

GSWB placed second with 100 points, while Dwight took third with 87 points.

7th Grade Boys -

Hurdles: Ozee (G), 4th, 21.50; Turner (D), 6th, 29.97.

1600m: Gubbins (G), 2nd, 5:57.25.

4x200: Dwight, 2nd, 2:25; GSWB, 3rd, 2:51.

4x100: Dwight, 6th, 1:13.03.

400: Watchinski (D), 2nd, 1:11.99; Ozee (G), 4th, 1:13.26.

200: Thompson (D), 5th, 34.81.

800: Gubbins (G), 2nd, 2:47.

4x400: GSWB, 2nd, 5:13.68.

High Jump: Mack (G), 5th, 3'8"; Colclasure (D), 6th, 3'6".

Shot Put: Meister (D), 2nd, 28'6.75"; Olson (D), 6th, 22'11.5"; Cavanass (G), 6th, 22'11.5".

Discus: Olson (D), 2nd, 78'8"; Meister (D), 5th, 66'9.5"; Christensen (G), 8th, 51'11".

Long Jump: Rice (G), 6th, 11'5".

Dwight placed third (48.5), with GSWB taking fifth (45.5).

8th Grade Girls -

100: Connor (D), 8th, 16.87.

1600m: Ragland (G), 8th, 6:53.48.

4x200: GSWB, 2nd, 2:35.76.

400: (D), 7th, 1:29.05; Norrington (G), 8th, 1:33.87.

200: Fatlan (G), 7th, 36.03; Connor (D), 8th, 36.25.

800: Traynor (G), 5th, 3:19.05; Mwizerwa (D), 6th, 3:42.

4x400: GSWB, 4th, 5:11.70.

Discus: Ragland (G), 6th, 39'.05".

Long Jump: Norrington (G), 4th, 10'8".

GSWB ended up with 29 points – good enough for fifth

overall. Dwight placed seventh with seven points.

8th Grade Boys -

Hurdles: Nelson (G), 2nd, 19.88.

100: Nelson (G), 4th, 13.93; Brown (D), 5th, 14.25; Roff (D), 7th, 14.62.

1600m: Lasser (D), 4th, 6:21.57.

4x200: Dwight, 1st, 2:03; GSWB, 2nd, 2:09.

4x100: GSWB, 3rd, 1:02.72; Dwight, 6th, 1:11.09.

400: Walsh (G), 2nd, 1:03.14; Larkin (D), 3rd, 1:04.39.

200: Brown (D), 4th, 29.16; Roff (D), 6th, 29.76; Cavanass (G), 7th, 32.3.

800: Walsh (G), 1st, 2:30.28; Cavanass (G), 3rd, 3:01.13.

4x400: Dwight, 2nd, 5:00.03; GSWB, 4th, 7:06.27.

Shot Put: Wilkey (G), 7th, 22'2.5".

Discus: Nelson (G), 2nd, 76'10"; Wilkey (G), 6th, 66'8".

Long Jump: Larkin (D), 4th, 13'0"; Walsh (G), 4th, 13'0".

Scoring 75.5 points was GSWB – placing third. Dwight scored 50.5 – a fifth place showing.



DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL

Head Coach:
Chuck Trainor
(3 Years at DTSH)

Assistant Coaches:
Kolby Hoffman
and Dezi Leonard

JV Coach:
Jamie Stanton

2019 Record: 13-13

It is finally softball season, once again, and the 2021 version of the Dwight Lady Trojans have their sights set on big things this season.

“We look to be towards the top,” says head coach Chuck Trainor about the conference outlook. “But we will have some competition from at least two teams.”

Dwight was coming off back-to-back conference championships in 2018 and 2019, but coronavirus threw a wrench

in their 2020 plans.

“Our hitting with a year off from COVID will be rusty until we get more hitting time in,” Trainor stated. “To play with a lot of communication – so we can cover a lot of field on defense,” is what he says will be a key for his team.

“Our defense should be our best quality,” Trainor added, “and it will need to be, because the ball will be put in play a lot on us.”

With dreams of raising another conference champion banner this year, the Lady Trojans are ready to make the push in 2021.

“To keep getting better through the year,” is what Trainor says is a goal for Dwight. “And to have success in the state playoffs – and have fun!”

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020

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Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Information

<u>Source Water Name</u>		<u>Type of Water</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>	Maximum exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead .
Well 4 (01387)	Next to water tower	GW	ACTIVE	Located between water Tower and Comm. Bldg.	
Well 5 (01775)	Next to school Playground	GW	ACTIVE	Located across street from post office next to school playground	

Public Participation

Customers interested in participating in the decision making process that affects the Braceville Water System, can attend monthly meetings. Meetings are conducted on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Braceville Village Hall. All meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at **815-237-8655**. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: BRACEVILLEBased on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, five potential sources or possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of the Braceville well. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Section of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediations which may be of concern. Based on information obtained from the village, the following facilities have changed their status or are no longer present: below ground petroleum storage at Braceville Elementary School District and Bee Chemical (out of business).The Illinois EPA has determined that the Braceville Well #4 source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including; monitoring conducted at the well; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data on the well.

2020 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.								
Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	08/07/2018	1.3	1.3	0.71	1	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	08/07/2018	0	15	6.63	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

MVK Tops Dwight, Nettle Creek in Triangular Meet

Thursday, April 22

MVK vs. Dwight and Nettle Creek

Mazon-Verona-Kinsman and Dwight took part in a triangular meet with Nettle Creek April 22, with both MVK’s boys and girls squads placing first as a team in each grade. Individual results are as follows:

7th Grade Girls -

100 hurdles: Weber (M), 1st, 18.3; Jones (M), 4th, 18.95. 100 dash: Heath (D), 1st, 15.01; Buis (M), 4th, 15.94. 1600 run: Lasser (D), 2nd, 6:48; Jones (M), 3rd, 7:04.

4x200: MVK, 1st, 2:40; Dwight, 2nd, 2:44. 4x100: MVK, 1st, 1:09; Dwight, 2nd, 1:29. 400 run: Steffes (M), 1st, 1:18; Weber (M), 3rd, 1:28; Heath (D), 4th, 1:29.

200 run: Buis (M), 1st, 32.71; Turner (M), 3rd, 35.56; Connor (D), 3rd, 38.53.

800 run: Chambers (D), 1st, 3:02; Claypool (M), 3rd, 3:22; Cronkrite (M), 4th, 3:37. 4x400: Dwight, 1st, 5:42; MVK, 2nd, 5:51.

Discus: Smith (M), 2nd, 44’6”; Turner (M), 3rd, 39’10”; Haggard (D), 4th, 38’2”.

Long jump: Steffes (M), 1st, 11’6”; Chambers (D), 2nd, 11’5”.

High Jump: Weber (M), 1st, 4’2”; Buis (M), 2nd, 4’2”.

Shot Put: Buis (M), 2nd, 20’3”; Smith (M), 3rd, 17’9”; Haggard (D), 4th, 13’8”.

7th Grade Boys -

100 hurdles: Corrado (M),

2nd, 21.69. 100 dash: Bumpous (D), 2nd, 16.88; Bovellev (M), 3rd, 18.63; Isham (M), 4th, 18.85. 4x200: MVK, 1st, 2:26; Dwight, 2nd, 2:51. 4x100: Dwight, 2nd, 1:21; MVK, 3rd, 1:25.

400 run: Watchinski (D), 1st, 1:20; Clennon (M), 3rd, 1:21; Johnson (D), 4th, 1:29.

200 run: Daemicki (M), 1st, 30.8; Corrado (M), 2nd, 38.7; Colclasure (D), 3rd, 40.0; Lucas (D), 4th, 48.07.

800 run: Othon (M), 1st, 2:50; Lasser (D), 2nd, 3:05. 4x400: MVK, 1st, 5:38.

Discus: Ramsey (M), 1st, 70’11”; Olson (D), 2nd, 68’5”; Pakula (D), 4th, 54’6”.

Long Jump: Othon (M), 1st, 12’3.5”; Watchinski (D), 3rd,

High Jump: Clennon (M), 2nd, 3’6”.

Shot Put: Meister (D), 1st, 25’7”; Olson (D), 2nd, 23’6”; Ramsey (M), 3rd, 20’7”; Wood (D), 4th, 18’6”.

8th Grade Girls -

100 hurdles: Pfeifer (M), 1st, 18.46; Turner (M), 2nd, 18.59.

100 dash: Cronkrite (M), 3rd, 16.06; Connor (D), 4th, 16.5.

1600 run: Misener (M), 1st, 7:26; Mwizerwa (D), 2nd, 8:40.

400 run: Pfeifer (M), 1st, 1:31; Connor (D), 2nd, 1:32; Connor (D), 3rd, 1:42.

200 run: Misener (M), 1st, 37.4; Marsh (D), 2nd, 40.3.

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DCS LADY REDBIRDS BASKETBALL

Monday, April 19
Dwight vs. Saratoga
6th Grade -

Dwight’s sixth grade girls hosted Saratoga April 19, losing 10-8.

Leading the Lady Redbirds was Delaney Boucher with four points, 11 rebounds. Claire Sandeno had four points and four steals, with Sophie Bastian and Olivia Buck each adding four boards. Lauren Snyder snagged seven steals.

In “B” game play, Dwight fell 13-6.

Lauren Snyder, Addy Sulzberger, and Olivia Buck each scored two points, with Sulzberger leading the team in steals with four. Sienna Burke and Emma Anderson added four and two rebounds, respectively.

7th Grade -

Saratoga got the best of the seventh grade Lady Redbirds, 28-19, when they squared off April 19.

Taylor Heath was Dwight’s high scorer with eight points, adding that to two rebounds. Makayla Wahl-Seabert put up four points, seven boards, and a steal. Mikayla Chambers added three points, four rebounds, and two steals. Sophie Buck chipped in with two points, seven steals, and two boards.

8th Grade -

In the eighth grade contest, Dwight was victorious, 30-12.

Sophie Buck led with eight points, six boards, two assists, and a steal. Mikayla Chambers followed with five points, four

steals, three rebounds, and one assist. Leah Larson (6 rebounds, 3 steals) and Ella Legner (4 rebounds, 1 steal) each scored four points, with Ryan Bean chipping in with three points, seven boards, and a steal. Kiah Handzus (2 steals, 1 rebound), Makayla Wahl-Seabert (1 steal), and Sarah Parker each scored two points. Taylor Heath had three rebounds, two steals, and an assist.

Friday, April 23
Dwight vs. Woodland
6th Grade -

The Lady Redbirds traveled to Streator Woodland, falling short by a score 36-5.

Leading Dwight in scoring were Addie Perez (5 rebounds) and Delaney Boucher (7 rebounds) with two points each. Olivia Buck nailed a free throw. Sophie Bastian and Lauren Snyder each grabbed five boards. Madlyn Lucus led the team with two steals.

8th Grade -

The eighth grade girls also lost to Woodland, 52-10.

Mikayla Chambers was Dwight’s high scorer with six points, five boards, and three steals. Sophie Buck (3 rebounds, 2 steals) and Makayla Wahl-Seabert (2 rebounds) each scored two points. Taylor Heath hauled down three rebounds and dished one assist, while Ryan Bean had one rebound and a steal. Ella Legner provided two steals, with Sarah Parker and Leah Larson each grabbing a rebound.



GSWB LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL

Wednesday, April 21
GSWB vs. MVK

7th Grade - The Lady Tigers traveled to MVK April 21 – finding themselves in familiar territory.

Halfway through the first quarter, GSWB trailed 10-0, but they did not stop fighting. They would cut into the Lady Mavericks’ lead before the half, making it 12-7.

But in the third, MVK held the Lady Tigers scoreless – and GSWB would head into the final quarter down 14-7.

The Lady Tigers cut the deficit to 16-14, as Bella Dinelli hit a 15-foot jumper with less than a minute to go.

GSWB had the ball with eight seconds remaining, but the Lady Mavs forced a turnover and held on for a 16-14 victory.

Kayla Scheuber led the Lady Tigers with five points, going 2-2 from the charity stripe and burying a three.

8th Grade - GSWB’s eighth grade girls, coming off a big win in Dwight, came out sluggish against MVK.

Although the Lady Tigers never scored a bucket in the first frame, they only trailed 5-4 – as free throws were key.

The game stayed within a couple of possessions – and GSWB would look at a 17-12 game going into the fourth.

The Lady Tigers jumped back into the game with baskets from Nina Siano and Madison Buck.

With a couple of minutes left, and the score tied at 17-17,

Grace Olsen netted a trey to put her team up by three.

Although MVK cut the gap to 20-19, GSWB iced the game at the free throw line late for a 23-19 win.

Olsen led all scorers with 11 points, shooting 8-12 from the line. Hannah Balcom added four points.

Friday, April 23
GSWB vs. Odell

7th Grade - In Friday night hoops action, GSWB hosted Odell.

After a tie at 4-4 following the first quarter, the Lady Tigers had a slim 9-6 halftime lead.

However, scoring became difficult for GSWB in the second half, as Odell took a 19-12 lead into the fourth.

Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers would get no closer, and Odell would roll to a 24-19 win.

Nina Siano paced GSWB with ten points, behind two threes.

The Lady Tigers drop to 2-7 overall.

8th Grade - In the eighth grade game, scoring came at a premium, as Odell led 2-1 after one.

The Ramgals would tack onto their lead and sit at a 12-7 lead at the half.

Odell would sail to a 29-14 victory over the Lady Tigers.

Grace Olsen led GSWB with nine points, including a three-pointer and 4-7 free throw shooting. Maya Cacello also added three points.

GSWB falls to 3-7 on the season.

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Water Quality Test Results

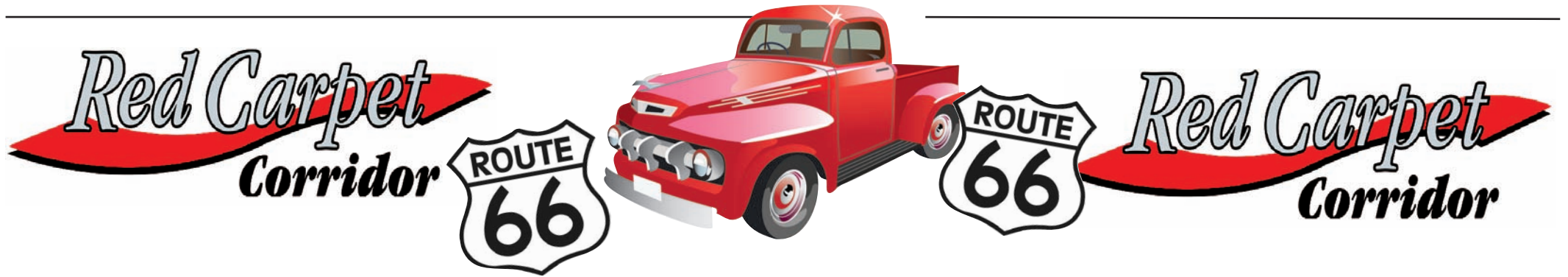
Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.							
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.							
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.							
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.							
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.							
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.							
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.							
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.							
na:	not applicable.							
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)							
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.							

Water Quality Test Results:

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2020	1.1	0.67 - 1.68	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	20	19.67 - 19.67	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	28	27.6 - 27.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2020	0.0234	0.0234 - 0.0234	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2020	0.5	0.5 - 0.5	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	04/03/2018	0.677	0.677 - 0.677	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2020	0.0373	0.0373 - 0.0373		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2020	99.3	99.3 - 99.3	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2020	1.61	0 - 1.61	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2020	380	380 - 380			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2020	0.194	0.194 - 0.194	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2020	1.68	1.68 - 1.68	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.



Experience and Explore, Celebrating the Mother Road

ON SATURDAY MAY 1 towns near and far celebrate the 14th annual Red Carpet Corridor, which traverses 13 communities from Joliet to Towanda along a 90-mile stretch of Old Route 66 that collectively celebrates the Mother Road. Each community will produce its own events. From full-blown festivals to antique and craft sales, art sales, car shows, live entertainments, and plenty of yard, garage, and sidewalk sales along the way, everyone is sure to discover something unique.



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The construction of this thin, ribbon of road helped to transform the West from an isolated frontier to an economically vital region of the country and made it accessible to anyone with a car.

In its lifetime this celebrated road witnessed a continuum of highway and transportation evolution from Ford Model Ts plodding through rutted dirt to the rise of the monolithic American Interstate Highway System. Route 66 was the most well known road in a national network of public highways which succeeded in uniting a huge, dispersed nation into a cohesive whole. During its heyday, Route 66 mirrored the mood of the nation.

Dwight Historical Society Open House at Dwight's Historic Depot May 1

The Dwight Historical Society has signed a lease with the Village of Dwight to occupy the entire historic depot on West Main Street, now that the Dwight Economic Alliance has moved to the historic Bank of Dwight building on East Main Street.

Expanding into the vacated area will allow room for more displays and access to items of historic interest donated to the town museum housed in the depot.

The carpeting has been removed and the floor sanded and refinished, allowing the original wood floor to once again be on display. The area has been repainted and new lighting installed.

Stop in to see what's been going on, and while you are there, be sure to check out the new display presenting the History of Baseball in Dwight that is being developed.

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Under the Water Tower Antiques to Open April 30 in Dwight

By Brandon LaChance

The building at 120 E. Chippewa St. in Dwight has housed a few different endeavors.

Above the door frame it reads '1916 Village Hall' and between then and 2021 it was a hair salon and different businesses as it switched owners.

Now it's owned by Marc Ellis and he is opening Under the Water Tower Antiques on April 30.

"I've been watching that building for probably the last three years," said Ellis, who has lived in Dwight since July 4, 2002 after growing up in Frankfort. "Bill Sole has had it for sale for the last three years – maybe longer – and I've been watching the price slowly drop. Back in November when I saw the new sign in front of the building, I knew he had dropped the price again.

"He saw how much I appreciated the building. I told him what I was going to do with the building, which was what he already had it as, and he knew it was going to be in good hands and it wasn't going to get destroyed."

Once Ellis saw the price tag was \$55 thousand, he offered \$50 thousand and ended up finalizing the purchase at \$45 thousand.

With the building in his name, it didn't take long for Ellis to fill it with items.

"I've been buying and selling from auctions, garage sales and estate sales for the last 20 years," said Ellis. "I sell on E-bay and sometimes garage sales. I've picked up a lot of knowledge along the way.

"It's antiques and collectables, so there is going to be Hallmark ornaments and Johnny Lightning – which are like Matchbox cars – Christmas items, glassware, furniture, prints, pictures, pottery, jewelry and tins. The range is wide. There is also local memorabilia like Dwight yearbooks (high school) and Dwight pennants



MARC ELLIS, owner of Under the Water Tower Antiques, stands in his shop near a showcase of items for sale. The new business opens April 30 in Dwight.

from the centennial."

Ellis raised four of his five children in Dwight, including well-known Tim "Timmy" Ellis who is 16-years old with Asperger syndrome.

Since his children were involved in sports, Marc Ellis helped the Dwight track program for eight years and has met many Dwight residents working at the local liquor store part-time for the last four years.

The connection he has developed with the community is a big reason why he wanted to open up the antique shop.

"It's not something you can make a living at. It's part-time, but it should sustain itself," said Ellis, who was laid off in March 2021 after 19 years as an electronic test engineer in Naperville and Bolingbrook. "It should be worth buying the building. It's bought outright, so I don't have to worry about a mortgage. That allows me to spend more on getting new inventory and marketing to try to get new people in because this is a destination and it will help get more business downtown to show them everything we have here."

He plans to find a work-at-home job where he can work from the shop between helping customers. In other words, work at work.

The agenda was to also keep his business on Rt. 66 in his community.

The building Ellis purchased is behind Dwight's downtown. If you don't know it is there, you may pass it.

But with it being right in front of the water tower, he has an easily located landmark to reference where his business is.

Plus, having the grand opening on the first day of Red Carpet Corridor should make it noticeable.

"If things would have worked out I would have had it open in November, but we didn't close on it," said Ellis. "In January and February, you don't really do a lot of selling. Christmas time you can sell, but in January and February people are not spending money, so I didn't open then.

"It takes time to research, price and inventory to get things set up. I haven't been killing myself to get everything set up, but it does take a lot of time. If I open it after Red Carpet Corridor then I just missed a good selling weekend."

There have already been phone calls, text messages and in-person conversations inquiring about Under the Water Tower Antiques.

Although it has nothing to do with baseball and it's past April 1, Ellis appreciates the support and is ready for opening day.

"We can have a lot of fun with this and a lot of fun with the people that come," said Ellis. "I have people that want to come from Ottawa, Shorewood, Manhattan, Monee and Indiana."

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UNDER THE WATER TOWER ANTIQUES is located in the old village hall building on East Chippewa Street in Dwight. New owner, of the building and the business, Marc Ellis, welcomes you. They are set to open this weekend during the Red Carpet Corridor. Stop in and take a look around!

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100 dash: Brown (D), 2nd, 13.47; Daemicki (M), 3rd, 13.82; Pumphrey (M), 4th, 14.28.
4x200: Dwight, 1st, 2:31.
4x100: MVK, 1st, 1:06.
400 run: Farcus (M), 1st, 1:10; Larkin (D), 2nd, 1:11.
200 run: Brown (D), 1st, 30.52; Roff (D), 2nd, 30.9; Smith (M), 3rd, 36.71.
800 run: Milton (M), 1st, 3:09; Pumphrey (M), 2nd, 3:15.
4x400: Dwight, 1st, 5:18.
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Long Jump: Larkin (D), 1st, 12'6"; Pumphrey (M), 3rd, 12'2".
High Jump: Farcus (M), 1st, 4'8".
Shot Put: Pakula (D), 1st, 23'6"; Smith (M), 2nd, 20'8".

Area COVID-19 Stats as of April 26

Town	Tested	Cases	
Dwight	11,601	545	
Herschler	2,635	222	
Gardner	2,241	204	
Mazon	1,693	172	
Odell	2,351	167	
Braceville	1,683	141	
Essex	1,094	133	
S. Wilmington	892	89	
Cullom	1,182	73	
Reddick	918	66	
Saunemin	1,176	62	
Verona	701	56	
Buckingham	705	56	
Ransom	753	40	
Blackstone	310	37	
Cabery	610	37	
Emington	449	35	
Kempton	538	34	
Kinsman	228	19	
Campus	390	18	
Union Hill	121	13	
			<i>Numbers as of 04/26/21</i>
			Statistics via: dph.illinois.gov
County	Tested	Cases	Deaths
Kankakee	223,597	13,697	199
LaSalle	180,823	11,988	234
Grundy	58,484	5,666	71
Livingston	102,867	4,650	83
Iroquois	47,298	2,920	64
Ford	28,468	1,710	46

Illinois - Confirmed Cases: 1,321,033; **Deaths:** 21,826; **Probable Deaths:** 2,313; **Total Tests Performed:** 22,269,555; **Recovery Rate:** 98%.

Probable cases are individuals who have been tested and are found to have a positive test result by a local clinic using "rapid" tests that are not, at this time, IDPH-approved tests.



Get Your Kicks!



JOLIET
The Joliet Area Historical Museum open 7am - 4pm. Limited capacity inside. Old Joliet Prison will be open from 9am - 4pm for self-guided tours. Reservations are required. Please visit jolietmuseum.org/schedule-tour to reserve your spot.
ELWOOD
Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Avenue (where you'll get postcard pass code), Historic Information and Welcome Center. Antique Tractors Exhibit. Quaint Downtown Business Center. Douglas Street Wayside Exhibits: featuring Rosie the Riveter, a statue of a munition's worker, lunchbox in hand, and the original Route 66 pavement. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Get your Elwood code at Elwood Village Hall. More information call 815-423-5011
WILMINGTON
Visit Chamber tent at north end of downtown vendors for the Wilmington code. Flea market 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Hula contest, hound dog contest, dance performance, food, Route 66 Band starting a 1 p.m. and more. Info contact: 815-476-5991. At nearby Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, look for new bison calves. two new self-guided hikes on Midewin. Oncell.com, share nature photos on the iNaturalist app., virtual 25-year Time Capsule groundbreaking at 10 a.m. (815) 423-6370.
BRAIDWOOD
Be sure to visit the Information booth for the Braidwood code located across from the Polk-A-Dot Drive-In at the Braidwood Rt 66 Zoo, a memorial to local artist Jack Barker, along with vendors. Stop at the Braidwood Museum on Main St. to see exhibits on coal mining past. Stop at Polka Dot for photo-ops with Elvis, Superman and many others. Contact: (815) 353-3053

GODLEY
Visit the Route 66 Mining Museum for the Godley code. For info contact 815-458-2222 or 815-405-1906. Museum open Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday, 9 to noon.
BRACEVILLE
Braceville code can be found at the Village Hall at the corner of S. Mitchell and Rt. 53. Baked goods will be sold by the United Methodist Church, Historical display by Alice Creech, Junk-in-the-Trunk sale in the parking lot. For more information call 815-237-8655.
GARDNER
Meet & Greet with the Mayor at 'Iwo-Cell Jail where you can get the Gardner code and a limited edition postcard. Gardner Lions serving root beer floats by the Diner Car 9-3 and pork chop sandwiches 10 until gone. Visit the Archives in the Village Hall. Scapegoats Car Show 10-4 Depot Street parking lot, Elvis tribute artist Hugo will perform 11-1. Craft show on Depot Street 9-4. Church of Hope Rock-athan at the Gazebo. Touch-A-Truck and giveaways during Open House at J&R's Towing on Liberty Street. speMore info contact: 815.237.2592.
DWIGHT
Stop in Dwight at the Ambler / Becker Texaco Station. This was the longest operating gas station on Route 66. Do not miss our Route 66 Smokeout BBQ Contest located in downtown Dwight on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Additionally, in downtown Dwight, there is a Frank Lloyd Wright Bank still being used and the Historic Depot. Visit our local retail stores while you are downtown. This weekend we will also host our All Town Garage Sales.
ODELL
Historic 1932 Standard Oil Gas Station on Rt. 66, Historic Subway, Souvenirs, Soda, Nostalgia for Sale. More info contact: 815-998-2133 or email info@odell-il.com

PONTIAC
Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2: The Pontiac Art Center will be hosting its 2nd Swinging Bridges Fine Arts Festival. The 200 block of Madison Street (This is where you will find the Pontiac code) will house the many artists selling their beautiful, handcrafted, fine art pieces. Museums are open both days 10 a.m. - 4 p.m - Free admission!
CHENOA
Must do stop in Chenoa for flea market, food vendors, live music, Cruise in and more. Code will be available at the information booth under the tent.
LEXINGTON
Lexington's activities will be located on Main Street downtown Lexington. Live music, family activities, vendors, food and vintage car/truck display. More info contact: 309-365-3331

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Lenore Weiss Memorial Car Show in Odell June 5

"Get Your Kicks" June 5 at the Car Show in Odell – the Lenore Weiss Memorial. To be held Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Standard Oil Gas Station on Route 66 in Odell, there will be unique raffle items with 100% of funds going to charity. The \$20 registration fee for the car show can be paid that day, with proceeds going to Cancer Support Center in Mokena. You can follow the event on Facebook.




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Vaccine Success! No Wasted Doses in Livingston County

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to make progress in their Mass Vaccination Plan. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), over 23% of Livingston County residents have been fully vaccinated as of April 26.

One of the major successes of the LCHD's vaccination efforts is that all COVID-19 vaccine given to the health department has been administered to eligible Illinois residents.

"We are really proud to report that no doses have gone to waste in Livingston County. It takes a lot of time, effort, and coordination to make this happen, especially given the challenges posed in handling the COVID-19 vaccines," explained Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. "Our team has been working hard and done a great job managing this incredibly valuable resource."

In order to be more accommodating of workers' schedules, the LCHD has established new appointment availability. Upcoming clinic details are as follows:

- J&J Vaccine (one dose) – Saturday, May 1, at Pontiac Township High School (1100 E. Indiana Ave.), 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- Moderna Vaccine – Beginning May 3 at the LCHD (310 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac), Monday and Friday mornings, 7:00-9:00 a.m.; Monday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Further details and appointment availability can be found on their website: lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/.

The LCHD has also been working with local high schools to ensure that families and eligible students ages 16 and older are aware of Pfizer vaccination opportunities.

"Our schools have been terrific partners throughout the pandemic," said Dever. "We greatly appreciate their efforts and support in helping us reach families in Livingston County."

It is essential that community members remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 by wearing masks and maintaining social distance, staying home when ill, and choosing to be vaccinated.

Checking the LCHD website is the best way to receive up-to-date information regarding vaccine distribution at the health department, as well as updates regarding COVID-19 in Livingston County.

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